(b) The State Government is of the view that in the light of judgement of Supreme Court in the case of L. Chandra Kumar Vs. Union of India the decisions of the State Administrative Tribunal may be questioned in the High Court by way of Writ Petitions before a Division Bench and, therefore, the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal has become redundant.

(c) In order to consider the request of the State Government, the action to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 to provide for an enabling provision for abolition of the Administrative Tribunals and for dealing with consequential contingencies like transfer of pending cases to some other forum and service interests of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Members and other Staff of the Tribunal has been under consideration of the Central Government.

Amendment to Constitution to check abuse of State Public Service Commissions

†3069. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the Constitution in order to check the abuse of office by Chairman and other members of Public Service Commissions;

(b) if so, by when such bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor while many incidents of abuse of office have took place recently in Punjab, Bihar and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Union Public Service Commission in their Memorandum submitted before the National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution, had *inter-alia*, suggested that the relevant provisions in the Constitution may be amended to ensure that only persons with spotless reputation are appointed as Chairmen and Members of the Commissions. The National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

however, recommended that it did not see any need for change in the existing provisions concerning UPSC or other Public Service Commissions or any enactment. The said Commission has recommended that healthy conventions may be developed.

Vacancies in Central Government Services

3070. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there are number of vacancies to be filled up in Central Government services;

(b) if so, when would these position be filled up to reduce unemployment crisis to some extent;

(c) whether there is any idea with Government to relax maximum age bar to enter into Central Government services with the view of providing opportunities to age barred unemployed youth; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The requirement of recruitment is worked out by the respective Ministries/Departments and recruitment is made through the prescribed channels by them; hence, the information regarding the number of vacancies is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to relax the maximum age limit for entry into Central Government services.

BPL families in Orissa

3071. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the income norms or methodology to determine people living Below Poverty Line;

(b) whether it differs from State to State;